railwaymen strike of 1975 and whether there is any proposal to reinstate them; and

(b) if so, what are the modalities thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities

2274. KUMARI ALIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the retail and wholesale prices of essential commodities such as wheat, rice, tea, sugar, mustard oil and vegetable oil and kerosene oil monthwise during the last six months; and

(b) measures taken to bring down the prices?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) A statement showing the months-wise average retail prices and whole sale price indices of specified essential commodities from September, 1989 to February, 1990 is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 97].

(b) The Government has accorded highest priority to check the rising trend in prices of essential commodities. Both long term and short term measures are being taken for the purpose. The measures taken by the Government broadly include steps to increase production of essential commodities like sugar, edible oils and tea etc. which are in short supply, effective procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains, strengthening of Public Distribution System, monitoring of prices and availability situation, strict enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities. Act and other regulatory measures and augmenting domestic supplies through imports, wherever necessary, so as to check any abnormal rise in the prices of essential commodities.

Panel of selected SC/ST candidates in CWC

2275. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2717 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1989 and state:

(a) the number of posts reduced/increased due to re-organisation of Engineering Division, postwise;

(b) the number of posts for SC/ST and others affected by re-organisation in relation to promotion/recruitment;

(c) whether outstanding backlog for SC/ST before re-organisations in respect of Sectional Officer (Civil/Electrical) and others, had been fulfilled; and

(d) whether B.O.D. of the Central Warehousing Corporation had approved the re-organisations set up and the same was in accordance with the pattern of C.P.W.D.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The information is as follows:

No. of posts increased			No. of posts reduced		
S. No.	Post	No.	S. No.	Post	No.
1.	Superintending Engineer	5	1.	Joint Manager (Engg.)	1
2.	Executive Engineer	4	2.	Assistant Engineer (Civil)	10
3.	Sr. Assistant Manager (A/cs)	4	3.	Sectional Officer (Civil)	20
4.	Personal Assistants	4	4.	Sr. Assistant Manager (General)	1
5.	Stenographer	4	5.	Assistant Manager (General)	1
6.	Warehouse Assistant Grade-I	8	6.	Executive Assistant	1
7.	Warehouse Assistant Grade-II	8			
8.	Helpers	8			

(b) The breakup of the posts agected by the re-organisation is as follows:—

S. No.	Post	Number	General	SC/ST
1.	Sr. Assistant Manager (General)	1	1	..
2.	Assistant Manager (General)	1	1	..
3.	Executive Assistant	1	1	..
4.	Assistant Engineer (Civil)	10	5	5 (including backlog)
5.	Sectional Officer (Civil)	20	10	10 (including backlog)

(c) The posts which were reduced as a results of the re-organisation were surrendered. The backlog of vacancies for SC/ST could not, therefore, be filled.

(d) The re-organisation of the Engineering Wing of Central Warehousing Corporation which is based generally on the C.P.W.D. pattern, has the approval of Board of Directors.

Allocation of funds for development of Meerut District under NSR

2276. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the ongoing projects in the Meerut District under the NCR and the expenditure likely to be incurred therefor;

(b) what is proposed NCR budget for this part for the financial year 1990-91; and

(c) whether Government proposes to shift some of the Central Government offices to Meerut in the years to come?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As indicated in the statement attached (*see* below).

(b) An outlay of Rs. 10 crores has been proposed for NCR including Meerut, during the year 1990-91.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.